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I am writing to ask for your consideration of the City of Seattle's application for Energy Efficiency through Transportation Planning grant funding for the following project:

Seattle GTEC-Bicycle Infrastructure Investment - \$75,000

Managing transportation demand is a key element in the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) *Moving Washington* approach to fighting congestion. In 2007-2009, we partnered with the City of Seattle to develop and implement a new community-based approach to managing demand known as the Growth and Transportation Efficiency Center (GTEC) program. The GTEC program demonstrated an effective approach to linking land use and transportation, leading to updated local comprehensive plans, improvements to bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and increased outreach to employees, residents, and students.

Funding the City of Seattle's GTEC program further advances WSDOT's goals of reducing congestion and greenhouse gas emissions by providing choices that help manage demand.

Please consider our support of this vital program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn W. Taylor".

Kathryn W. Taylor
Director, Public Transportation Division